THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.5118 of 2007

Date: 15.03.2007

Between:

Akula Appa Rao.

....Petitioner

And

The Sub-Registrar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam District and another.

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioner states that he is the absolute owner and possessor of plot Nos.6 and 26, admeasuring 187 and 175 square yards respectively, in Survey No.195/4A of Adivivaram Village, Chinnagadili Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. It is stated that he intended to sell the said land and in that process, approached the first respondent, to register the same in favour of the intending purchaser. The grievance of the petitioner is that the first respondent is not accepting any document for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said Survey Number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned

therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1].

Once the sole basis for the first respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the first respondent to receive and process the document that may be presented by the petitioner and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act. There shall be no order as to costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J

Date: 15.03.2007
Note: Issue C.C. in three days.
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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77